

In The Claims

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 14 wherein said closure is molded in a single piece from a squeezeable thermoplastic material.
3. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 2 wherein such squeezeable thermoplastic material is a polypropylene-based material.
4. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 14 wherein a portion of said outer sidewall that joins said top panel is tapered inwardly with respect to an underlying portion of said outer sidewall.
5. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 4 wherein a portion of said outer sidewall that underlies said underlying portion of said outer sidewall tapers outwardly, said diametrically opposed squeeze pressure application pads extending upwardly from said portion of said outer sidewall that tapers outwardly.
6. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 5 wherein said portion of said outer sidewall that tapers outwardly is radially thicker than said underlying portion of said outer sidewall.
7. (Currently Amended) A package comprising:

a container having a body portion, a neck, a finish on said neck, said finish having an outwardly projecting and helically extending thread, a shoulder extending between said body portion and said neck, and a spaced pair of ramp-shaped locking lugs extending outwardly from the outer surface of said neck of said container, each of said locking lugs having a tapered side and a radially extending side, said radially extending side extending from a radially outermost exterior inwardly to meet said neck outer surface; and

a molded plastic, C/R squeeze and turn closure removably affixed to said neck of said container, said closure comprising;

a top panel;

an outer peripheral sidewall joined at an end to said top panel and having diametrically opposed squeeze pressure application pads,

an inner sidewall joined at an end to said top panel and concentrically spaced radially inwardly of said outer sidewall,

an inwardly projecting and helically extending thread on an inner surface of said inner sidewall, said thread on said inner sidewall being complimentary to said thread on said finish of said container and removably engaging said thread on said neck of said container,

a set of diametrically opposed and inwardly projecting lugs on an inner surface of said outer sidewall adjacent said lower free end, said locking lugs being positioned to contact said ramp-shaped locking lugs of said container and being positioned on an axis that extends perpendicularly from said diametrically opposed squeeze pads of said outer sidewall, each of said locking lugs of said closure having a radially positioned free end that faces the radially extending side of the locking lug of the container, ~~the free end of the locking lug of the closure~~ including a finger extending from said free end and having a generally U-shaped recess or indentation therein extending throughout the full axial height

of said locking lug, said finger recess or indentation (1) ~~forming a finger on a radially innermost portion of said free end under load with respect to other portions of the locking lug of the closure and~~ (2) defining (i) an arcuate path between said inner surface of said outer sidewall and said free end[,] and (ii) a straight line path between said recess and said free end, said free end radially innermost portion engageable with said radially extending side of said container locking lugs to resist removal of said closure from said container by brute force and displaceable outwardly beyond said container locking lugs upon application of pressure urging said squeeze pads toward one another.

8. (Original) A package according to claim 7 wherein said closure is molded in a single piece squeezeable thermoplastic material.

9. (Original) A package according to claim 8 wherein said squeezeable thermoplastic material is a polypropylene-based material.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) A package according to claim 7 and further comprising:

a gasket positioned between an underside of said top panel of said closure and a rim at an end of said neck of said container, said gasket sealingly engaging the rim when the closure is affixed to said neck of the container to permit dry products to be packaged in said package.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A package comprising:

a container having a body portion which is oval in cross section, a neck, a finish on said neck, said finish having an outwardly projecting and helically extending thread, a shoulder extending between said body portion and said neck, and a spaced pair of ramp-shaped locking lugs positioned in diametrically opposed locations on a minor diameter of said body portion extending outwardly from the outer surface of said neck of said container, each of said locking lugs having a tapered side and a radially extending side, said radially extending side extending from a radially outermost exterior inwardly to meet said neck outer surface; and

a one-piece molded plastic, C/R squeeze and turn closure removably affixed to said neck of said container, said closure comprising;

a top panel;

an outer peripheral sidewall joined at an end to said top panel extending to a lower free end and having diametrically opposed squeeze pressure application pads,

an inner sidewall joined at an end to said top panel and concentrically spaced radially inwardly of said outer sidewall,

an inwardly projecting and helically extending thread on an inner surface of said inner sidewall, said thread on said inner sidewall being complimentary to said thread on said finish of said container and removably engaging said thread on said neck of said container,

a set of diametrically opposed and inwardly projecting lugs on an inner surface of said outer sidewall adjacent said lower free end, said locking lugs being positioned to contact said ramp-shaped locking lugs of said container and being positioned on an axis that extends perpendicularly from said diametrically opposed squeeze pads of said outer sidewall, each of said locking

lugs of said closure having a radially positioned free end that faces the radially extending side of the locking lug of the container, ~~the free end of the locking lug of the closure~~ including a finger extending from a free end and having a generally U-shaped recess or indentation therein extending throughout the full axial height of said locking lug, said ~~finger recess or indentation (1) forming a finger on a radially innermost portion of said free end and (2) defining (i) an arcuate path between said inner surface of said outer sidewall and said free end[,] and a straight line path between recess and said free end, said free end~~ radially innermost portion engageable with said radially extending side of said container locking lugs to resist removal of said closure from said container by brute force and displaceable outwardly beyond said container locking lugs upon application of pressure urging said squeeze pads toward one another.